

# *SMART* *JUNIORS* 1

## A Burning Planet

**Lesson 47**  
**Grammar Station I**



# GRAMMAR LEAD-IN

Spot the difference. How have our forests changed?



## Present Perfect

is used to talk about actions or events that started in the past but have a connection to the present.

Specifically, we use the present perfect for:

- past events when the exact time is not important

The flower **has bloomed**.

- “not” with still and yet and in questions with yet

I **haven't thrown** the garbage yet.

- questions asking how long until now

How long **have you joined** this group?

### Positive/ Negative/ Question Forms

I/You/We/They	<b>have promoted</b> <b>haven't promoted</b>	recycling.	
He/She/It	<b>has promoted</b> <b>hasn't promoted</b>		
<b>Have</b>	I/you/we/they	<b>promoted</b>	recycling?
<b>Has</b>	he/she/it		



### Have a try!

- The government \_\_\_\_\_ (**taken**) steps to protect endangered species.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ (**notice**) a significant reduction in air pollution.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ (**study**) many environmental issues in his research.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) an environmental activist for over a decade.

## Other Uses of Present Perfect

### We use the present perfect:

- with “just” + an event or short time before now

I've just planted some trees. (= a few minutes ago)

- with adverbs: already, before, ever, and never

We've already met.

- with superlative

This is the hottest place I've ever visited.

- after the expressions “the first/last/etc.” + time

That's the third time you've littered.



### Have a try!

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (ever; recycle) plastic bottles?
2. The company \_\_\_\_\_ (just; implement) eco-friendly practices in its offices.
3. It's the worst year we \_\_\_\_\_ (experience) for such severe rains.
4. This is the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) such extensive deforestation.

## Present Perfect

2 months ago



1 month ago



Now



**I've worked** in the office for two months.  
(I still work there now.)

## Past Simple

2 months ago



1 month ago



Now



**I worked** in the office for two months.  
(I don't work there now.)

 **Have a try!** Choose the correct verb tense.

1. We (**started, have started**) recycling our waste since 2005.
2. They (**organized, have organized**) a beach cleanup event last week.
3. The company still (**didn't use, hasn't used**) eco-friendly packaging.



# PRACTICE TIME

- Describe the pictures using the present perfect tense.



*What have people done  
to save the world?*



# PRACTICE TIME

- Roll the turntable and make sentences using the words in the tile.



1, 3, 5 = Present Perfect

2, 4, 6 = Past Simple

- +** Positive Sentence
- Negative Sentence
- ?** Question

**START** >>

**-**  
they/ watch/  
TV

**?**  
she/ live/  
2 years

**+**  
he/ buy/  
present

**?**  
he/ call/  
her mother

**+**  
she/ make/ a  
tasty cake

**GO BACK  
2 spaces**

**-**  
Bailey/ buy/  
plastic bottles

**?**  
you/ recycle/  
old clothes

**-**  
we/ do/  
the shopping

**-**  
throw/ he/  
trash

**+**  
2010/ study/  
they

**?**  
you/ be/ ill

**Roll  
Again**

**+**  
save/ Sam/  
money

**END** <<

**?**  
build/ we/  
a cafe

**GO BACK  
3 spaces**

**+**  
Peter/ find/  
keys

**-**  
soda/ they/  
3 months

# TAKE A NOTE

## Have Gone and Have Been

! **To go** has two forms in the present perfect: **have gone** and **have been**. The meanings are different.



**He's been** to the countryside.  
(He went there and then returned home.)



**He's gone** to the countryside.  
(He went there and he's there now.)

## Have a try!

Fill in the blanks with **have/has gone** or **have/has been** to complete the sentences.

1. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ to the grocery store. She'll be back soon.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ on vacation for two weeks. They just returned yesterday.
3. Lisa and Mark \_\_\_\_\_ to several countries in Europe. They love traveling.



## ■ Choose the correct words.

**Sarah:** Have you heard about global warming in the climate conference?

**Tom:** Yes, it's a crucial issue. The past decade **(has been, was)** the hottest on record. Last year, coastal cities **(have experienced, experienced)** severe flooding. Immediate action is needed.

**Sarah:** Many countries are transitioning to renewable energy. **(Did you see, Have you seen)** any changes?

**Tom:** Yes, our city **(has implemented, implemented)** recycling and **(has invested, invested)** in public transportation last month.

**Sarah:** We should all make sustainable choices and raise awareness.

**Tom:** Small actions can make a difference. We must protect our planet.





## Present Perfect

We use the present perfect to talk about actions or events that started in the past but have a connection to the present:

e.g.

Scientists **have discovered** a new species.

Researchers **have studied** the problem since 2001.

I **haven't joined** a coastal cleanup event **yet**.

How long **have you left** the faucet open?

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# WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we're going to learn about  
the Present Perfect Tense and Modals.

See you next class!